

Wow, Eagle Lakers!

I'd like to thank all those who spoke up this past week to tell me how valuable they felt a column such as this was! I appreciate your encouraging and immediate response.

This week, let's look at a problem we've all heard about and many of us have even experienced... The Dreaded Computer Virus!

First, let's describe a bit about what a computer virus is and then some possible prevention and repair steps.

Our bodies are made up of several major systems, each comprised of many reliant upon many other parts smaller and typically less significant than the whole. As an example, the "nervous system" is a major system that can be broken down to the brain, spinal column and the "nerves". It can really be broken down much, much more but for this example that's enough. If any of these areas stop working or functioning correctly, the result can become anything from a harmless "tick" to catastrophe and anywhere in between.

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Similarly, your computer system is really made up of several major systems reliant on many areas, each smaller and typically less significant than the whole. An example, the memory system consists of RAM (Random Access Memory), ROM (Read Only Memory) and Cache (hardware areas that held recently accessed data for immediate recall). Again, this system can be broken down into several other components but that isn't really needed.

The point is that any of these "systems" can become areas of attack for viruses. When a computer gets a "virus", corrective steps must be taken to avoid problems ranging from certain keys on the keyboard not working or slow computer responses to catastrophe.

So, how does a computer get a virus? How does it spread? A computer virus generally attaches itself to other files the computer recognizes and accepts, then, when that file is accessed, the virus is activated on the machine, and, in most cases, replicates itself across that machine's files.

For example, a friend hands you a document they have created on their PC and saved to a floppy disk. You take the disk to your computer and open the document. Unknown to you or your friend, you have just been infected with a virus that has attached itself to every other document on your computer. From now on, everyone you send a document to via e-mail, floppy disk, CD or any other method will carry with it this (See Computers, Page 12)

By Dan Jackson

LIBRARY LINES

By Patty Holloway

Summer fun is coming to an end and a new season is fast approaching.

Just around the corner is the start of school, then the hunting season and all too soon, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We have new videos on fishing and hunting that should be of real interest to the hunters and fishermen of Eagle Lake.

"Black Powder Blastin'" - this video shows you the ins and outs of smoke pole hunting and how to use a variety of black powder guns.

Betty Wegenhoft has provided more interesting non-fiction book reviews. Here are two.

The Women Who Wrote the War - Nancy Sarel (author) demonstrates the role women war correspondents played in bringing the war to the folks back home. In their ranks, we encounter world-famous photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White; Martha

Gellhorn, writer and wife of Ernest Hemingway; Lee Miller, legendary photographer; Janet Flanner, who wrote of bleak realities of life in post-liberated France; Marguerite Higgins who dared to enter the concentration camp at Dachau and dozens more.

Dearest Ones - Rosemary Langheldt (author) goes to wartime England to serve as an American Red Cross volunteer. Through beautiful crafted letters home to her "dearest ones", she captures the mix of terror, adventure and loss of World War II.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges these memorials: **in memory of Jan Harrell:** Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Leopold, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Grammer, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Finney, Mae Ashby; **in memory of Katherine Kell:** Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Finney; **in mem-** (See Library, Page 12)

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Property Tax Rates in Rice Hospital District

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for Rice Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 660,873.13
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 660,873.13
Last year's tax base	\$ 367,151,828
Last year's total tax rate	\$.18000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 664,430
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 415,674,384
- This year's effective tax rate	\$.15984 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.16463 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 767,469
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 415,674,384
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.18463 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.19940 /\$100
- This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$.19940 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.02450 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.17490 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

RHS cheerleaders complete UCA camp

The Rice High School (RHS) cheerleaders have recently completed a rigorous three-day camp, a Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA) private camp taught at RHS.

UCA instructors were Brandi Sparks and Jawan Walters. Sparks, who has been cheering since she was four years old, will be a cheerleader at Navarro Jr. College in the fall.

Walters spent his time in high school playing football, basketball and running track but developed an interest in cheering and tumbling at a later age. He will be entering his third year as a cheerleader at Texas Southern University this year.

The RHS cheerleaders learned new cheers, chants, and dances and worked on perfecting their jumps and stunts. Coach Melody Grigar was very pleased with their progress. "There are a couple of stunts that we really wanted to perfect this year and we did it the first day of camp. Plus, we learned some new stunts and stunt transitions that I think the crowd will enjoy." Grigar was also pleased

with how the cheerleaders represented Rice with their attitude and work ethic. "The instructors commented more than once on how fast our girls learn and how well they work with each other. The instructors had to work to stay ahead of the girls."

Several awards were given: Shelley Boenisch won the jump contest, Kristin Thompson won "Spot of the Week", and the Most Improved

Award went to the entire JV squad.

All-star tryouts were held and a record number from varsity were selected. Varsity all-stars were S. Boenisch, Kayce Wilkerson, Thompson, Corissa Mathis and Erin Gold. JV all-star was Kaylyn Boenisch.

In final evaluations, both squads were awarded superior gold ribbons.

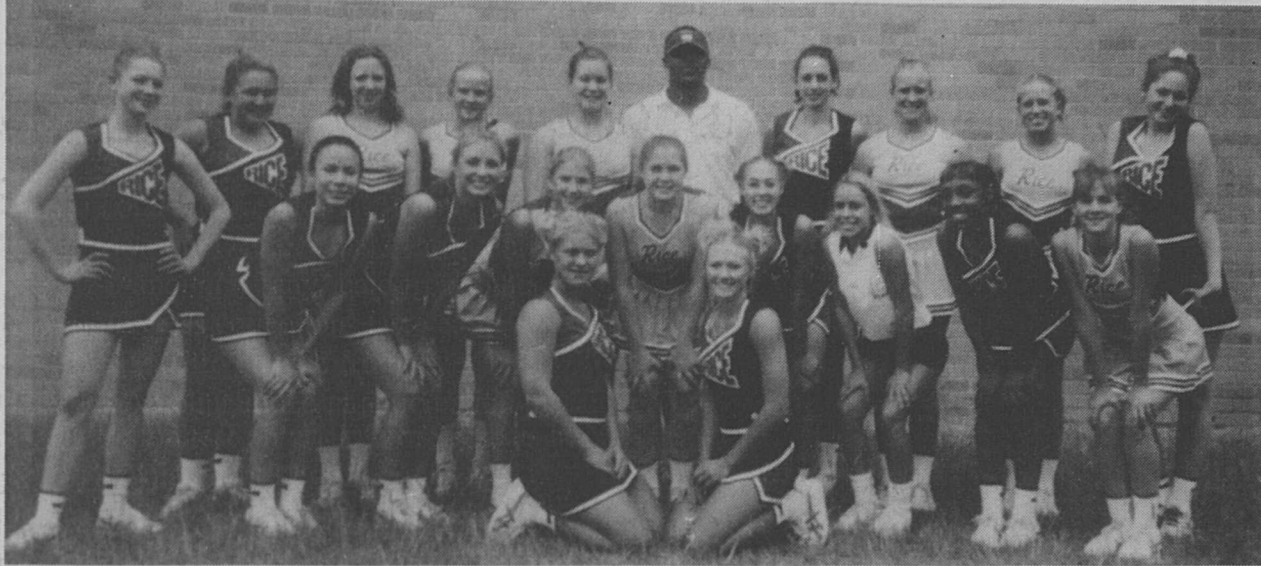
Earlier this summer, mascot Leslie Woolard attended UCA mascot camp

at Southwest Texas State University.

The cheerleaders will stay busy in the next few weeks preparing for football season.

Last week they conducted mini-camp for future cheerleaders.

Next, they'll continue with practices. Their first performance will be Aug. 18 when the Raiders host Royal and Bellville in their opening scrimmage.



Front left to right (1 to r), Shelley Boenisch and Erin Gold; middle row, 1 to r, Sandra Rodriguez, Tiffany Stern, Jenna Cook, Margie Leopold, Kayce Wilkerson, UCA Coach Brandi Sparks, Corissa Mathis, and Ashley Labay; back row 1 to r, Meagan Staff, Andrea Contreras, Alyson Lanier, Rachel Peterson, Kaylyn Boenisch, UCA Coach Jawan Walters, Kristin Thompson, Camille Staff, Laura Engstrom and Jessica Thomas.

Photo Courtesy of Melody Grigar

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Rice Hospital District adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.15984 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$4,236.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$0
Interest & Sinking	\$0

Schedule B - 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2001 debt service			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001			\$0	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2001			\$0	
= Total Debt Levy			\$0	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$103,039 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Colorado County CAD, 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934.

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Colorado County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.35934 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$60,751.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$3,600,000.00
Interest & Sinking	\$250,000.00

Schedule B - 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
Series 1994	\$155,000	\$136,555	\$300	\$291,855
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2001 debt service			\$291,855	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$2,540	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001			\$289,315	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2001			\$0	
= Total Debt Levy			\$289,315	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$649,599.41 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

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